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REPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT REMARKS/ARGUMENT

This Response is filed in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 19, 2008. Applicant elects Species B directed to the embodiment as set forth in claims 2, 4, 6 and 8.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter covered in the non-elected claims

Early and favorable consideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

If this communication is filed after the statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner for Patents is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

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